

BLAINE STEPS DOWN.

HE RESIGNS FROM THE HARRISON CABINET.

THE RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

The Receipt of the News Creates the Wildest Kind of Excitement at Minneapolis—Congressman Boutelle Declares That the Blaine Leader Will Certainly Accept—Gossip at Minneapolis.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Secretary Blaine this afternoon tendered his resignation as secretary of state to President Harrison. The letter of resignation and the president's acceptance of the same are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, June 4, 1892.

To the President:

I respectfully beg leave to submit my resignation of the office of secretary of state of the United States, to which I was appointed by you on the 5th of March, 1889.

The condition of public business in the department of state justifies me in requesting my resignation may be accepted immediately.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
JAMES G. BLAINE.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
Washington, June 4.

To the Secretary of State: Your letter of this date tendering your resignation of the office of Secretary of State of the United States has been received.

The terms on which you state your desires are such as to leave me no choice but to accede to your wish immediately. Your resignation is therefore accepted. Very respectfully yours,

BENJAMIN HARRISON,

The Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE.

AT MINNEAPOLIS.

The Receipt of the News Causes Wild Excitement.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 4.—The news that Secretary Blaine had resigned and his resignation been accepted by the president created the wildest excitement here. The Blaine men went mad with enthusiasm and cheer after



JAMES G. BLAINE.

cheer greeted the announcement in the West hotel. Clarkson Platt, Fassett and the score of other Blaine boomers insist that this means Blaine's nomination on the first ballot and there really appears to be a Blaine stampede amongst delegates and others.

The Harrison managers for the first time have lost their serenity. R. R. Shiel, an Indiana delegate and one of the Harrison managers, addressing an audience of newspaper men in the west lobby, said: "It makes no difference if Blaine has resigned. Let him resign; he cannot stop it. We have got the delegates to nominate Ben Harrison and we will do it. We don't care for Blaine. We have no fight against him, but we are going to nominate Harrison whether he is in the race or not."

At this moment there was a wild cheer from the northwest corner of the hotel. "It is true," shouted a Blaine man, "the Associated press dispatches say that Blaine has resigned and Harrison has accepted the resignation. Hurrah for Blaine!"

The cheer for Blaine re-echoed through the corridors and was taken up in the street. In a minute the streets were wild with excitement. Men marched in squads up and down the streets, yelling "Blaine, Blaine, James G. Blaine." The Harrison men were jeered by the excited Blaine men and two or three personal encounters were narrowly averted.

Blaine Leaders Stirred Up.

The Blaine men expect now to sweep everything before them. Loud cries for "Foraker," "Fassett" and others are being made by the excited throngs who are demanding speeches from the Blaine leaders. On the face of it, it was a smile of exultation but he was cool and unexcited. Clarkson, Conger, Platt and others were in consultation in full view of the crowd and every burst of enthusiasm caused them to glance downward with complacent approval.

"It's a whirlwind," said the distinguished Iowa, but that was the only remark he vouchsafed.

The Harrison managers, General John C. New, Senator Hancock, R. R. Shiel and others, went into conference behind closed doors.

The Blaine leaders say they have passed the stage of secret conferences. The whole public is now in their confidence. It is "Blaine, Blaine. He is the man to win," on every hand. A casual observer in Minneapolis at this time would suppose there was only one candidate in the field and that his name was James G. Blaine.

To-day the skirmish lines were thrown out, and when the various state delegations have taken their places on the field the battle will begin in earnest. Chairman Clarkson, who has a little list of his own, put Harrison's strength as 298 to a man. In this he is less liberal than J. Sloan Fassett, who has counted up an even 300 as the outside strength, they are wary of making exact predictions, but insist he will be enthusiastically nominated on the first ballot.

Platt More Confident Than Ever.

The Platt train arrived to-day with a number of delegates, besides the New York and Delaware men, there being half a dozen West Virginians, E. M. Brayton of South Carolina and a few others. During the trip a call on Platt was made by the West Virginia delegates, who were in the sleeper next in front of his private car. He went over the situation with them frankly explaining all he knew and hoped. He told them he was sure of Blaine's acceptance. He last talked with Secretary Blaine and his wife last Monday, and both assured him that Blaine was never in better



JOHN C. NEW, LEADER OF THE HARRISON FORCES.

health. As a result of this conference the Platt party believe they will secure at least part of the delegation, one of the party—C. M. Hart—having given assurances of his support. Another of the West Virginia party, when asked as to the probable result of the conference, said: "You know conversions are always in order."

When asked for a new statement of his views Platt said: "I have seen Mr. Blaine and have been in frequent communication with him for some time and feel sure that he will not say anything further now. He would have given his friends time to select some one as a candidate of the opposition to the renomination of Harrison, had he intended to speak again."

The Blaine Plan.

It is believed that Blaine will not be formally placed in nomination at all. The plan is to allow the Harrison nominating and seconding speeches to proceed without interruption, and then when the roll call begins, to have Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado and other leading states in the list cast the majority of their vote for the popular leader. This, it is hoped, will create a stampede of uninstructed delegates to the secretary of state and result in his nomination on the first ballot. The Harrison people are working vigorously, however, with the delegates from the states that lead in the alphabetical list, and appear already to have assurances that Blaine will not get a unanimous vote from either Alabama or Arkansas. Indeed, in both these states the Harrison leaders claim a majority of the delegates are for the president, and as Alabama has contested her delegates of both factions are just now very non-committal as to their presidential preferences.

Boutelle More Than Confident.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Representative Boutelle of Maine left yesterday for Minneapolis, carrying with him the assurance that Blaine would accept if nominated. Just prior to his departure he had a brief but pointed interview with the secretary of state at the latter's house.

At the station, as he was about to take the train, Boutelle said with an earnestness that carried conviction with it: "I leave feeling as sure of Blaine's nomination as I am that the sun will rise to-morrow."

"And are you equally sure he will accept?"

"I am certain of it," said Mr. Boutelle slowly, and evidently weighing every word. "If I were not, what do you suppose I would be going to Minneapolis for?"

"Then there is no truth in the rumor that Blaine will write another letter?"

"It hasn't a feather to stand on. Blaine will write no more letters, send no telegrams nor give any instructions to anybody to demand the withdrawal of his name or decline the nomination for him."

"You are certain of that?"

"Absolutely."

"Well, did Mr. Blaine give you authority to make this statement?"

The question was evidently an embarrassing one, but Mr. Boutelle said: "Just say that I am going to the convention with the lightest of hearts, confident not only of Mr. Blaine's nomination, but of his acceptance and his election."

TO OFFSET SCARE TACTICS.

The Blaine Men Determined Not to Have the Hayes Game Repeated.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—A telegram was received here this morning by a Blaine Republican, telling him to look out for a repetition of the tactics of 1876 when telegraphic bulletins were sent from berry to the convention hall,

saying that Blaine was practically a dead man and that there was no possibility of his living more than a few months. Those dispatches had very much to do with the nomination of Rutherford B. Hayes.

What makes this particular anxiety of the Blaine people in Minneapolis the more significant is the fact that the man who sent the dispatches about Blaine's imminent demise in 1876 is here and is an active Harrison advocate. Blaine about three weeks before the convention sustained his famous sunstroke that was worked for all it was worth. If the dead racket is attempted in the Minneapolis convention, the Blaine men will send some bulletins of their own.

EXCITEMENT AT CHICAGO.

The News of Blaine's Retirement Causes Varied Comments Among Leaders.

CHICAGO, June 4.—Edmons Blaine left for Minneapolis to-night. He disappeared as completely as though the earth had swallowed him when the first whisper of the news of his father's action began to get abroad. No information concerning the son could be obtained either at his office or his residence.

There was much excitement in the crowded rotunda of the Grand Pacific at the reception of the intelligence from Washington. Hundreds of politicians were in the apartment and in a moment all else was lost sight of.

"Such a thing was never before known in American politics," exclaimed Chief Justice Harlan of the United States supreme court. The distinguished jurist checked his astonishment and comments suddenly, however, and refused to discuss the bearings of the matter in connection with the Minneapolis convention.

"It is too late! He should have done it before!" almost shouted the celebrated Webster Flanagan, United States collector at El Paso, Tex., who became famous with his convention query, "What are we here for if not for the offices?"

TO SETTLE THE CONTESTS.

The National Committee Appoints Sub-Committees of Inquiry.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 4.—The national committee got together about noon and in about an hour and a quarter had completed its business. There was some skillful sparring, but no open fight between the administration and the anti-administration split on individual propositions so as not to make the fight in the national committee.

The contests were referred to sub-committees, the national committee not having time to look into them as a body. A principal sub-committee of seven, consisting of Quay, New, Fessenden, Scott, Hansbrough, Hyde and Clayton was appointed to have charge of the cases from Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, South Carolina and Texas. A special committee consisting of Brady of Virginia, Conger of Ohio and Filley of Missouri was given charge of the Alabama contest. The fight over the Utah seats will be looked into by Messrs. Leland, Hobart and Warren.

The fight in the Tennessee delegation was settled quickly and the threatened rupture prevented for the time being. Judge Murray appeared and stated that he was a resident of Tennessee and had never changed his residence. This left no ground on which, under the usages of the committee, a contest could be successfully maintained and it was therefore decided unanimously that Judge Murray was entitled to serve out his term as national committeeman.

It was decided to recommend that New Mexico have six delegates in the convention instead of two and that the representatives of the Indian territory be admitted to the floor, but without votes.

DID MRS. BLAINE TELEGRAPH.

Chicago Papers Make a Sensational Report but Edmons Denies It Positively.

CHICAGO, June 4.—A late edition of the Daily News says: "At 4 o'clock this morning it was learned that Mr. Edmons Blaine of Chicago had received a telegram from his mother saying that James G. Blaine would accept a nomination for president at Minneapolis, all other reports to the contrary notwithstanding."

The Times and another morning paper have statements to the same effect and give the wording of the telegram as follows: "Pa will accept."

Edmons Blaine was seen by an Associated Press reporter at his residence this morning and, in reply to a question in regard to the matter, said: "It is not true. I have received no telegram from my mother. I have nothing more to say."

Warner Goes to Minneapolis.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 4.—Major Warner and family and E. S. Jewett and family left for Minneapolis this morning in a special train over the Burlington so that they will be a day in advance of the Missouri crowd. Major Warner and Mr. Jewett, who is a delegate, had intended to go with the club, but were called to Minneapolis by telegrams from party leaders. The Warner club leaves for Minneapolis to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock over the Burlington.

A special train over the Rock Island will pass through Kansas City at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning bearing the Kansas delegates and alternates to Minneapolis.

The headquarters of the Missouri delegation will be at the Nicollet house.

Holcomb sells the boys wag-
ons.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

YESTERDAY'S PRICES IN THE NEW YORK EXCHANGE.

CONDITION OF THE MONEY MARKET.

The Latest News From the Course of the Speculative Grain and Provision Markets—Quotations From the Chicago Board of Trade and Other Commercial Centers—Notes.

NEW YORK, June 4.—Money on call was easy at 1 1/4 per cent. Sterling exchange was stronger, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.87 1/2 for sixty-day bills and \$4.89 1/2 for demand. Posted rates, \$4.88 1/2.

Bullion in the Bank of England increased \$1,000,000 the past week. The proportion of reserve to liability is 41.43 per cent, against 43.52 per cent last week.

The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows an increase of \$1,700,000 in gold and \$176,000 in silver.

Closing prices on the stock exchange were as follows:

Atchison	33 1/2	Reading	40 1/2
C. & O.	30 1/2	N. Western	11 1/2
C. & N. W.	30 1/2	Rock Island	7 1/2
D. & W.	25 1/2	St. Paul	7 1/2
Lake Shore	12 1/2	Union Pac.	29 1/2
L. & N.	24 1/2	Wabash	24 1/2
M. & E.	27 1/2	W. Union	24 1/2
Mo. Pacific	25 1/2	Chicago Gas	80
Manitoba	11 1/2	Lead Trust	98 1/2
Manhattan	12 1/2	Sugar Trust	98 1/2
N. E. & W.	27 1/2	S. O. Oil	40
New Eng.	37 1/2	High Tor.	93 1/2
N. Pacific	19 1/2	Dist. & C. F.	49 1/2
N. Pacific	32 1/2	Silver	89
N. A.	13 1/2		

The Week's Bank Statement.

The weekly statement of the New York banks issued to-day, shows the following changes: Reserve, decrease, \$933,073; loans, increase, \$3,888,000; specie, increase, \$93,430; legal tenders, increase, \$261,700; deposits, increase, \$3,990,700; circulation, decrease, \$70,500. The banks now hold \$23,673,750 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

Kansas City Bank Clearings.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 4.—The Kansas City bank clearings for the week thus far and for the corresponding time last year are as follows:

	1892.	1891.	Inc. P.C.
Monday—Holiday			
Tuesday	\$1,515,994	\$1,283,442	\$232,552 45.3
Wednesday	1,922,993	1,699,850	223,143 13.1
Thursday	2,104,361	1,576,792	527,569 33.4
Friday	1,600,117	1,236,598	363,519 29.4
Saturday	1,955,288	1,165,608	789,680 67.8
Total	\$9,108,861	\$6,978,759	\$2,130,102 30.5

Domestic exchange was as follows: New York, 60c premium; Chicago, 10c premium; St. Louis, 10c premium.

GRAIN MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 4.—Cash wheat here met with fair demand to-day, but the market was a quiet one and prices only 1/4¢ higher than yesterday. All the offerings went to a few buyers. At the close the feeling was not so strong as earlier. No. 2 hard wheat sold very slowly. The best bid on 50 lbs. No. 2 hard was 50¢.

Prices were quoted at Kansas City as follows: No. 2 hard wheat 74¢, No. 3 hard wheat 70¢, No. 4 hard wheat 66¢, No. 5 hard wheat 62¢, No. 6 hard wheat 58¢, No. 7 hard wheat 54¢, No. 8 hard wheat 50¢, No. 9 hard wheat 46¢, No. 10 hard wheat 42¢, No. 11 hard wheat 38¢, No. 12 hard wheat 34¢.

Sales by sample on change, on the basis of the Mississippi river: No. 3 hard wheat, 1 car 57¢, 7 lbs, 9 cars 78¢, 6 cars 77¢, 7 cars 76¢, 4 cars 75¢, 1 car 74¢, 2 cars 73¢, 10 cars 72¢, 1 car 71¢, 4 cars 70¢, 3 cars 69¢, 2 cars 68¢, 1 car 67¢, 1 car 66¢, 1 car 65¢, 1 car 64¢, 1 car 63¢, 1 car 62¢, 1 car 61¢, 1 car 60¢, 1 car 59¢, 1 car 58¢, 1 car 57¢, 1 car 56¢, 1 car 55¢, 1 car 54¢, 1 car 53¢, 1 car 52¢, 1 car 51¢, 1 car 50¢, 1 car 49¢, 1 car 48¢, 1 car 47¢, 1 car 46¢, 1 car 45¢, 1 car 44¢, 1 car 43¢, 1 car 42¢, 1 car 41¢, 1 car 40¢, 1 car 39¢, 1 car 38¢, 1 car 37¢, 1 car 36¢, 1 car 35¢, 1 car 34¢, 1 car 33¢, 1 car 32¢, 1 car 31¢, 1 car 30¢, 1 car 29¢, 1 car 28¢, 1 car 27¢, 1 car 26¢, 1 car 25¢, 1 car 24¢, 1 car 23¢, 1 car 22¢, 1 car 21¢, 1 car 20¢, 1 car 19¢, 1 car 18¢, 1 car 17¢, 1 car 16¢, 1 car 15¢, 1 car 14¢, 1 car 13¢, 1 car 12¢, 1 car 11¢, 1 car 10¢, 1 car 9¢, 1 car 8¢, 1 car 7¢, 1 car 6¢, 1 car 5¢, 1 car 4¢, 1 car 3¢, 1 car 2¢, 1 car 1¢, 1 car 0¢.

Trade in corn was very slow. A little business was done in Southern shippers but mostly 48¢. Mixed corn was bought sparingly at 46¢ local and white corn at 49¢ on 60c. On call 5 cars white corn, June delivery, regular, sold at 49¢.

Oats—Were steady; market dull. No. 2 mixed oats selling 34¢. No. 2 white 34¢. No. 3 sold at 32¢ discount. Rye—Was stronger. No. 2 at 68¢. No. 3 at 66¢. No. 4 at 64¢. Flaxseed—92¢ on the basis of pure. Bran—Steady. 60¢ here in 100 lb sacks. Bulk, 54¢ here. Hay—Receipts, 6 cars. Market firm. Quotations are: Timothy, \$9.00 per ton; fancy, prairie, \$7.50; good to choice, \$6.47; low grade, \$4.50. MILLFEED—Saw and higher: German millet, 70¢; common varieties, 60¢ to 75¢.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, June 4.—The range of prices for active futures are as follows:

	June 4	High	Low	Closing	Yesterday
WHEAT—					
June	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
July	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
Dec.	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
CORN—					
June	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
July	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
Sept.	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
OATS—					
June	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
July	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Sept.	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
POPE—					
June	10 5/8	10 5/8	10 5/8	10 5/8	10 5/8
July	10 5/8	10 5/8	10 5/8	10 5/8	10 5/8
Sept.	10 5/8	10 5/8	10 5/8	10 5/8	10 5/8
LANE—					
June	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4
July	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4
Sept.	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4
RICE—					
June	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4
July	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4
Sept.	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4
Receipts in Chicago to-day—Wheat, 50					

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cars, 15; cars; oats, 177 cars.
Estimated receipts to-morrow—Wheat, 45 cars; corn, 175 cars; oats, 140 cars; hogs, 4,000 head.

Chicago Closing Cash Prices.

CHICAGO, June 4.—Wheat—No. 2 spring, 53¢; No. 2 red, 52¢. Corn—No. 2, 55¢; No. 2 yellow, 53¢. Oats—No. 2, 24¢. Timothy Seed—Cash, \$1.29. @1.34; September, \$1.34@1.35. Mess Pork—Cash, new, \$10.57 1/2. Lard—Cash, new, \$6.32 1/2@6.35. Short Ribs—Cash, \$6.32 1/2@6.35. Rye—Cash, 78¢; June, 78¢. Flaxseed—No. 1, cash, \$1.03 1/2; September, \$1.06 1/2. Barley—61¢.

St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 4.—Wheat—Receipts, 10,163 bu; shipments, 5,063 bu; receipts, corn, 70,085 bu; shipments, 68,387 bu. Oats, receipts 22,835 bu; shipments, 8,497 bu. Closing prices: Wheat—Cash, 58¢; June, 56 1/2¢; July, 55 1/2¢; August, 53 1/2¢. Corn—Cash, 47 1/2¢; July, 48 1/2¢. Oats—Cash, 33 1/2¢; July, 34¢.

Gossip for Speculators.

The four Atlantic ports cleared yesterday 692,310 bu wheat, 49,459 packages flour, 15,355 bu corn, 42,954 bu oats and 59,590 bu rye. In Chicago yesterday 1 out of 27 cars winter wheat, 1 out of 25 cars spring wheat, 15 out of 185 cars corn and 63 out of 177 cars oats graded No. 2.

The export clearances from the four Atlantic ports this week are about 2,115,000 bu wheat, 765,000 bu corn, 215,000 packages flour, 209,000 bu oats and 109,000 bu rye.

LIVE STOCK.

KANSAS CITY, June 4.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,561; calves 63; shipped yesterday, 193. The market was strong to 10¢ higher; cattle generally were steady.

DRESSED BEEF AND SHIPPING STEERS.

No.	Wt.	Price	No.	Wt.	Price
104	146	4 1/2	18	141	4 1/2
81	141	4 1/2	22	142	4 1/2
20	139	4 1/2	33	137	4 1/2
83	133	4 1/2	30	136	4 1/2
61	132	4 1/2	76	138	4 1/2
80	131	4 1/2	29	136	4 1/2
17	123	3 9/8	11	119	3 9/8
17	123	3 9/8	9	117	3 9/8
109	107	3 8/8	8	101	3 7/8
49	107	3 8/8	21	115	3 7/8
49	105	3 8/8	46	98	3 6/8
37	71	3 4/8	39	88	3 4/8
10	88	3 4/8	21	86	3 4/8
10	88	3 4/8	6	103	3 3/8

COWS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Wt.	Price	No.	Wt.	Price</
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